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Kentucky Court of Justice presents Court Designated Worker Eric Gray with a 2006 Law Day award

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 25, 2006 — Eric Gray, supervisor of court designated workers for Johnson, Lawrence and Martin counties, received a 2006 Law Related Education Award of Achievement at the annual Law Day ceremony which took place May 1 at the state Capitol in Frankfort. Chief Justice of Kentucky Joseph E. Lambert presented the award to Gray who earned the honor for his work with the Truancy Diversion Program. The annual Law Day ceremony celebrates the legal profession throughout the commonwealth.

“Since 1990, the Kentucky Court of Justice has presented the prestigious Law-Related Education Award of Achievement to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to educating youth and professionals about the fundamental principles of the Kentucky Constitution,” said Patrick Yewell, general manager of the Department of Juvenile Services of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

The Administrative Office of the Courts is offering a new Truancy Diversion Program to communities throughout the state in an effort to combat the negative effects of truancy on Kentucky’s youth. This program is designed to meet the needs of truant students by using education, prevention, accountability and treatment, if applicable, to address the issues surrounding truancy. The Truancy Diversion Program is being coordinated at the local level by court designated workers such as Eric Gray. Court designated workers are employed by the Administrative Office of the Courts. They serve all 120 counties and are responsible for processing complaints against juveniles under the age of 18.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is the operational arm of the Kentucky Court of Justice and supports the activities of more than 3,500 court system employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks. In 1990, the AOC formed the Division of Law Related Education under the Department of Juvenile Services to educate students, educators and law enforcement professionals about the law, the legal process and the fundamental principles of our constitutional democracy.

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